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SUBJ: PANAM NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOG

CASABLANCA FOR RCAA

REF: LIBREVILLE 0920

1. PANAM REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM F. WALLACE, FORMER HEAD OF AIR ZAIRE, WAS IN LIBREVILLE JULY 31-AUGUST 4. HE SAW MINISTER OF STATE MBOUY-BOUTZIT WHO THANKED WALLACE FOR COMING BUT STATED SINCE DATE GOG INVITED PANAM TO AUGUST 1 MEETING IN LIBREVILLE THERE HAD BEEN A CHANGE

IN GOG THINKING ON AVIATION MATTERS. THE OFFER TO PANAM TO PURCHASE 10 PERCENT OF AIR GABON WAS WITHDRAWN.

2. MBOUY-BOUTZIT SAID GOG NOW REALIZES ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE A LARGE, COMPLICATED AND COSTLY OPERATION. ACCORDING TO MBOUY-BOUTZIT, GOG WANTS TO HAVE AN ECONOMICALLY EFFICIENT OPERATION AND HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DECIDED TO FULLY RATIONALIZE DOMESTIC OPERATION AND

TO DEVELOP A CIVIL AVPITION GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
BEFORE TAKING FURTHER STEPS TOWARD GOING INTERNATIONAL.

3. MBOUY-BOUTZIT TOLD HIM THAT GOG HAS NOT REJECTED
PANAM OFFER FOR TECHNICAL SERVICE CONTRACT AND WILL
REPLY TO IT AT AN APPROPRIAOC TIME.

4. WALLACE TOLD EMBASSY THAT HE NOT SURPRISED AT
ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HE SAID FOLLOW NOT
UNUSUAL PATTERN. ONCE SOIALLER COUNTRY RRALIZES TIME,
POTENTIALINOST AND OTHD REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL
OPERATIONS, IT TYPICALLY STEPS BACK TO RECONSIDER
MATTER.

5. IN COURSASOF MEETING AT MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTER
MBOUY-BOUTZIT TOLD WALLACE THAT GOG HAD PURCHASED DC-8
IN USA AND ASKED HIM WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO GET EXPORT
LICENSE. WALLACE REPLIED THERE WAS FAIRLY STANDARD
APPLICATION PROCEDURE, DETAILS OF WHICH HE WOULD FORWARD
TO MINISTER. WALLACE UNMGSESTANDS GENERAL NATURE OF
PROBLEM RETARDING EXPORT OF DC-8 TO GABON AND THUS INTER-
PRETTED MINISTER'S QUESTION AS LARGELY RHETORICAL.
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